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NOTICE TO MAIL SUBSCRIBERS.

The date on the printed address of wrapper-Every shows to what time THE PAPER is PAID. They are requested to examine these dates, as all papers will be stopped when the time expires to which they have been paid.

WISCONSIN.

The latest figures in the Madison Journal, embracing official returns from all but five counties and reported majorities from those, elect Judge Sloan by *four* votes. Thus the result now as to be as uncertain as ever. The official figures from the last county will be ready to settle the question.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.

We publish this morning, on the third page of the PRESS AND TRIBUNE, the Report of the Pacific Railroad Committee and the bill introduced by them. The great importance of the subject is a sufficient apology for the large space which we devote to the publication of these documents.

The Report has appended to it the signatures of all the members of the special committee of sixteen—a fact which puzzles us somewhat, as it recommends but one road, and that, too, on the Central route, while it has been understood that a minority of the Committee insisted upon the building of a Southern in addition to a Central or Northern Road. But at all events the bill and report embody the views of a majority of the Committee, and we hope of a large majority of the House. The Report is an able document and will amply repay an attentive perusal. The arguments relative to the advantages and necessities of a Railroad across the Continent, to connect the Pacific with the Atlantic coasts of the continent, are almost superfluous, as the whole nation has become convinced in that regard. The people have ailed about this Road until every one has been overheard and all have declared: "Let a bill be passed, and the great work be speedily commenced."

The argument in favor of the Central route, if not on Road is to be built,) is conclusive and irresistible. It is shown to be the shortest line to San Francisco, by from three to five hundred miles. It can be built more cheaply, and will accommodate directly more population and commerce than any other route. As a great trunk line it can be more easily and easily intersected by branches from the North and South, than any other projected line. In order to escape sectional jealousies and antagonisms, the Eastern end of the road will commence at two points on the Mississippi river, one from Missouri, a slave State, and the other from Iowa, a free State, and the two will converge together at or near Ft. Kearney on the Platte, 200 miles west of the place of beginning. The starting points are left to the company to select, but it might be safe to designate Kansas City, at the mouth of the Kaw river, or St. Joseph, and Omaha City, opposite Council Bluffs, as the probable initial points that would be fixed upon by the corporators.

But the important thing in this whole matter is the mode of granting Government aid. The extent of the assistance and the conditions upon which it is given, does not certainly exceed the limit of liberality which the people have had in mind. The only fear is, that the aid is too parsimonious, and that private capitalists may not be found who will advance the residue of the requisite funds on the terms denied. The Report estimates the cost of the Road at one hundred and twenty millions. The Government is to loan the Company half that amount in thirty years' bonds, bearing five per cent. interest. This advance is to be secured by a first mortgage and to be repaid in services of transportation, such as carrying mails, troops, agents, stores and munitions, and by telegraphing. This advance of bonds is to be made as fast as the work progresses. The amount of aid is graduated, increasing from each end to the middle. Beginning with $12,000 a mile, for the first degree of longitude through which the road will pass, the amount is increased by $3,000 for each degree until it reaches the Rocky Mountains, when the amount per mile will be about $56,000. From the Rocky Mountains westward, the subsidy decreases at the rate of $2,000 per degree of longitude, ending at $24,000 at the west side of the Sierra Nevada range, and from there to San Francisco, $12,000 per mile. The average aid for the whole distance, from river to ocean, is $30,000 per mile. The length of the road is estimated at about 1800 miles; but the forked eastern end will add 200 miles, making the entire line 2,000 miles in round numbers.

The bill grants the company every alternate section of the public domain through which the road passes within one mile thereof, and very properly requires that the iron of which it shall be built must be of American manufacture. The bill designates certain prominent citizens of different States who are to form, with their associates, the Company who are to construct the road. The Company is charged five per cent. interest on the money loaned it by the Government. The first draft of the bill charged no interest, but only required the repayment of the principal. We fear that charging interest and also taking a first mortgage may have the effect of deterring capitalists from embarking their means in the vast undertaking. The interest clause should be stricken out. The country can amply afford to donate the interest on bonds for the sake of making sure of the construction of the Road. A vast majority of the people would be perfectly willing to donate both principal and interest to any company who will build them a great Central Railroad to the Pacific. But we withhold farther comment, and request our readers to peruse the Report and the bill accompanying it, and then sit down and write to their Representatives and Senators not to adjourn Congress until they have passed the bill, or at least brought it to a vote, with the yeas and nays recorded on it.

The Board of Trade and the Reciprocity Treaty.

At the meeting of the Board of Trade yesterday, the following preamble and resolution were passed:

Whereas, This Board has learned through the public journals a formidable effort is being made at Washington to induce the Government of the United States to take steps for the term y of reciprocal trade and commercial intercourse between the United States and the British North American Provinces, such measure, such a result would be inimical to the interest of agriculturists and trade of the whole of the commerce of the Lakes, therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to take into consideration the views of the Board on the subject of the operation of said treaty and the effect of the country in relation to the same, and to confer with the Boards of Trade of our other cities of the St. Lawrence, to obtain a concert of action in relation to this subject so important to our commercial interests.

The Chair appointed the following Committee: J. C. Wright, C. H. Walker, C. T. Wheeler, Stephen Clary and P. Anderson.

This subject should receive the earnest attention of all our citizens. The St. Lawrence route and the Grand Trunk Railway have been making serious inroads upon the commerce which the city of New York, Buffalo and central New York generally have claimed as belonging by fashionable right to the Erie Canal and the Central Railway. The West must not allow that claim for a moment. The free navigation of the St. Lawrence, and even a much more liberal reciprocity treaty with Canada, are what the West will demand. Even the Reciprocity Treaty, with all her greatness, must not be permitted to thrust her own selfishness in the way of Western progress. What we now need are larger and less fluctuating markets for our produce, and the quickest and the cheapest possible freight to the ocean. The former can only be secured by active competition between all the lines of transit to the seaboard. Perhaps the Committee will collect and present an array of facts as will be conclusive upon this question, the right of which is so vital to the prosperity and the progress of the city.

Charleston Speculations.

[Special Dispatch to the N. Y. Herald.]

WASHINGTON, April 16, 1860.—This evening's train brought the remainder of the delegates from the North to the Charleston Convention. The Wood and Cagger delegates are now all here, and a lively time they are having. Both sets are mum as to their preferences for the Presidency, although the Douglas men say they have positive assurances that the Cagger delegation will cast their vote for the "Little Giant." The Hunter, Breckenridge and Guthrie men also allege that they have the same assurances. Wood and his men are very discreet, and decline expressing a preference for any of the Presidential candidates. His main reliance for admission into the Charleston Convention is upon the Southern delegations. If the South even suspects that the Cagger delegation will cast their vote for Douglas, they will vote in a body against their admission. Such instructions, it is said, have been sent from here by the leading Southern Senators and members to the various Southern delegations. This seems to indicate that under no circumstances will they submit to the nomination of Douglas, and yet, in face of this, men are betting on his nomination against the field. It is said the Massachusetts delegation, who have heretofore been considered for Douglas, will vote against him from the jump. This change has been produced since they arrived in this city.

The excitement here among the delegates to Charleston to-day and to-night is reaching its height. The Douglas fever is so high that the hectic flush appears, and death is certain. Colchester Whitney, of Boston, has a majority of the New England delegation against Douglas, most of whom are for Secretary Toucey, while some of the most skillful among them are managing the vote for Seymour, of New York. As a blind, the Massachusetts delegation, under the lead of Collector Whitney and General Butler, visited Vice President Breckinridge to-night, and paid their respects to him. The Pennsylvania and New Jersey delegates are largely for Breckinridge. New York agrees to go for any Southern man who appears to be the voice of the Convention. The Douglas men have a branch establishment at the National Hotel, the star of which is the "Little Giant" himself. Everybody is invited in there, on the principle of "Come into my parlor," &c. Some go in and some don't. To-night there was a jolly time at the ranche, and speeches were made by Senators and Representatives. Whisky was drank and stories told, but nobody in particular committed, unless verdant gentlemen of the press were induced to believe that everybody who spoke there would shout and vote for Douglas at Charleston. Not a bit of it. Good whisky drinkers are not caught that way.

All sorts of betting is going on, but the heaviest is against Douglas, and his friends frequently become desperate and I coss their temper, while the opponents of the "Little Giant" seem to be happy as clams at high water. The contest between the two delegations from Illinois is quite amusing. The "nationals," so called, clearly have the inside track, and bet their money, first, that Douglas cannot be nominated, and secondly, if he is, that he cannot carry Illinois.

The Southern delegates who are here declare that they will sustain the administration men from the North who have stood by them, and that they would be false to their own principles if they did not do so.

The *States and Union* newspaper, Douglas' organ, of this city, is particulary severe this evening on Gen. Whitney, the Collector of Boston. It denounces as a "malicious libel" a rumor that Gen. Whitney, of Massachusetts, had not only agreed to violate his own pledges and instructions, but had undertaken to carry over a majority of the delegation from that State against Douglas. It declares that Gen. Whitney had uniformly expressed himself for Douglas' nomination, and was elected a delegate to Charleston, pledged by every consideration which could influence an honest man, to vote for Judge Douglas in that Convention. After this announcement the same paper ironically asserts that, "it is true that Gen. Whitney accepted a highly honorable and lucrative office from the President after his election as a delegate, but does it follow that for this office he sold his honor, or that that the administration ask the thing of him?" I am authorized by Gen. Whitney to say that he was not elected a delegate to Charleston under a pledge to vote for Judge Douglas, and that he is not a supporter of Judge Douglas, although a personal friend. I learn, also, that General Whitney will carry the majority of the Massachusetts delegation against Douglas. I am satisfied that many delegates, who declare Douglas to be their first choice, will stick by him for a certain number of ballots, until they see he is likely to be nominated, when they will abandon him for some one else. Guthrie and Breckinridge are amongst the most prominent candidates talked of. A distinguished legal gentleman of Massachusetts and a delegate to Charleston, gave it as his deliberate opinion to day that there seems to be but one thing settled in regard to the Charleston Convention, namely, that Douglas, cannot be nominated. His want of fidelity to the South in the Lecompton struggle will destroy their confidence in him at this important issue.

The Lemmon Slave Case.

The Lemmon case has been decided in the New York Court of Appeals by an affirmance of the judgment of the Court below, which was adverse to the claimant Lemmon. Its next appearance will be before the Supreme Court of Dred Scott.

THE CITY.

Auction Sales this Morning.

Household Furniture, Silver-Plated Ware, Carpets, &c., by Gilbert & Sampson.

House Furniture, Oil Paintings, Pianos, &c., Liquors, Groceries, Tobacco, Soaps, &c., by W. A. Butters & Co.

GIFTS ON FIRE HOUSEY, just the thing for "Pike's Peakers," in crossing the plains. It can be cooked for breakfast, and warmed over for dinner and supper. These and more are being prepared by H. O. Waggoner, from the whole flint corn. There is not a more palatable or delicious article of food offered in our market

SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL.—The ladies connected with St. Paul's Church, (First Universalist,) will give a Festival in the Vestry of their Church, this (Thursday) evening, the proceeds of which will be appropriated to the Sunday School. There will be singing, speaking, and the usual variety of refreshments. Admission 25 cents.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.—At the annual parish meeting of this church, held on Monday evening, 16th inst., the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: J. H. Bates, Senior Warden; Dr. T. H. Eddy, Junior Warden; Messrs. R. D. Van Wagenen, Dagald Stuart, Thos. Goode, P. A. Almini, J. T. Flynn and Wentworth Flagler, Vestrymen.

☞ We call attention to the advertisement of the new law firm of Stiles & Dean, who have just opened their office in No. 11 Dickey's Building, and are glad to improve the opportunity to recommend them to all requiring the services of capable and careful legal advisers. Neither gentleman is a stranger here, and their new association will, for that reason, be widely recognized as a promising and valuable one.

KINGSBURY BLOCK.—We notice that the elegant new Kingsbury Block is nearly finished and is about to be occupied by tenants. Its first class and well located stores have been taken respectively by Peugeot as a Fancy and Variety store, Higgins as a Music Store, Oakley as a Tobacco and Segar Store. The beautiful Concert Hall will be opened and dedicated next week.

MINISTRY AT LARGE.—I want work about the city for a smart, capable man from Wales—he has a thorough knowledge of the Farm and Garden, but will work at any other job. Also a place for a good woman (a widow) with a child four years of age; she is from Canada, a first rate needle woman; can oversee a laundry or keep house; needs a place at once. Apply at 189 Randolph street, third floor.

A BOY ATTACKED BY A VICIOUS HORSE.—We learn that on Tuesday afternoon a little son of John Schiddler, ten years old, while at play on the sidewalk on North Wells street, was attacked by a vicious horse that was running loose. The animal made at him with his fore feet, striking him on the arms, one of which was broken in two places, and biting him in the ribs and on the side of his face, making severe wounds. The animal would have killed the lad if he had not been taken away by a passer-by.

THE ART EXPOSITION.—Owing to some confusion in the publication of the notices, we are requested to state that the meeting of persons interested in the forthcoming "Art Exposition" will be held this (Thursday) evening, at 7½ o'clock, at the Tremont House.

The sub-committee appointed to confer with the former contributors, have met with very gratifying success; and there is no longer a doubt that the exhibition is a fixed fact, and will, we confidently anticipate, prove a crowning glory to the exertions and enterprise so happily inaugurated in the erection of the Republican "Wigwam," by our citizens for the accommodation and entertainment of the Convention and its attendant thousands.

ST. GEORGE'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO.—A special meeting of this Society is convened (by requisition) to be held on Friday evening, April 20, 1860, at 8 o'clock P. M., at Bryant, Bell & Stratton's College, Larmon Block, for the purpose of reading the Constitution and By-Laws, also late Committee' Report on the same, that action may be taken thereon, with the view of printing, to be ready for distribution on the next regular meeting.

By order, FRANCIS HUDSON, Pres't.
THOS. E. POULSON, Rec. Sec'y.

DISASTROUS CONFLAGRATION!

THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R. MACHINE SHOP BURNED!

Insured in Foreign Offices.

Loss $130,000!

The Illinois Central Railroad depot grounds on the Lake shore, just below the long pier, were visited night before last by one of the most serious and destructive conflagrations that has taken place here the present year, the total amount of the loss reaching the large figure of $130,000.

The Company's buildings at that point were a magnificent stone round-house, whose huge dome and cupola formed a prominent object and landmark at that point. Next south was a stone structure, the MACHINE SHOP, fronting seventy-five feet on the track, and one hundred and sixty feet long, extending east toward the Lake, on land made by the Company. South of this still, was a blacksmith shop seventy feet wide and one hundred and sixty feet long. These were all structures most substantial and costly, and filled with every appliance for the several descriptions of work carried on.

The MACHINE SHOP was three stories high, or rather two full stories with a loft above, the entire length of the building for drafting, pattern making, &c. The blacksmith's shop was one full story high. All had slate roofs. The buildings desribed, with their contents, are now a heap of ruins.

The fire broke out about one o'clock and it speaks little for the vigilance of the inside watchman that it was first seen by the yard watchman who gave the earliest alarm. When first discovered the flames were well at work in the drawing and pattern loft of the largest building, whence it spread with great rapidity. The Fire Department were promptly summoned and steam fire engines speedily on the ground, but by a singular oversight which the Railroad Company will doubtless immediately remedy, such was the location of the buildings and the approaches to the lake at this point, that the steam engines could in no way be brought near enough to take suction from the lake, but were forced to make long lines and take water from the four inch mains on Wabash Avenue. The *Little Giant* threw her stream through two thousand feet of hose. The *Island Queen* in the attempt to get her across the track was overturned and disabled. Even under these disadvantages the steamers did excellent service in preventing the flames from crossing the track, which was at one time imminently threatened.

The hand machine, No. 9, located at Carville, did nobly, and was a prominent instrumentality in the preservation of the Company's Oil House, where were stored about $10,000 worth of oils.

The utmost exertions could not, however, prevent the destruction of the large shops and the Round House. The locomotives in the latter were dragged out by hand, and a passenger locomotive was fortunately on hand, sent down from the depot grounds, and did excellent and timely service in removing these machines to a safe distance from the fire.

In the Machine Shop were four locomotives, Nos. 6, 8, 24 and 59, which were being repaired, and which are prized at an average value of $8,000 each, and insured for $10,000; about $1,500 worth of patterns; twenty-five lathes, valued at from $300 to $2,000 each; a large quantity of drawings and books belonging to the General Office of the Machine Department, as well as considerable personal property belonging to Mr. Hayes, the Superintendent of Machinery, fell a prey to the flames.

Among the property of Mr. H. were about $1,200 worth of drawings and drawing implements. The drawings lost by the Company are exceedingly valuable, being that of the entire machines of the road.

The eager flames left little or nothing combustible in either of the shops, the very walls of which are so much injured as to require almost entire rebuilding. The Round House fared better, and its walls are comparatively uninjured.

The total loss is estimated at about the sum named, $130,000, which is fully covered by insurance in the London and Liverpool Insurance Companies. The fire is supposed to have originated from a spark from the copper room, which must have lodged and smouldered for a long time in the roof until fanned into a conflagration.

About one hundred and eighty men were employed in their shops. The buildings will be immediately replaced. At an early hour yesterday, Superintendent Hayes had a large steam force rigged, and the premises were being thoroughly flooded to extinguish the smouldering embers, while in the portions already cooled a large force of men were at work.

The Company, from its large resources and establishments, both at Carville, just below this city, and at Centralia, Amboy, and Wapella, be their line of road, will be but slightly incommoded in the interim needed for the restoration of their premises to their late form and activity. They will not this time neglect suitable provision in access to the water of the lake, for the Fire Department.

YET MORE RASCALITIES.

What Shall be Done?

The Penitentiary is certainly beckoning for members hereaway who should and would speedily recruit its corps of ring-streaked inmates, were the vigilance and diligence of our city police even feebly commensurate with the zeal and activity displayed by the light fingered and busy craftsmen who are despoiling our citizens. The heavy freighting department of the police business, as appertaining to the collection of helplessly drunken victims for calaboose treatment, is well attended to, and the police records, which we have small disposition to copy, teem day after day with "high old drunks," and all descriptions and styles of zeal in the votaries of Bacchus.

And the police force is appropriately and oft times varied by bedraggled and bedrizzled females, and in all this we have no fault to find and may praise the activity and zeal of our officers. But what are they doing to make the city uncomfortably hot for the grand army of crackmen and thieves of all degree, who prowl about our homes, and make a grand ransack of house after house almost nightly. Nothing, literally and simply nothing.

We are not now thinking of the just now flush rogue who lined his pockets from the richest city safe of City Collector Mueller. We hope the scamp may be caught yet and have a confidence in the belief that he will prove to be no thief by profession or open antecedents. The Court House building may take care of itself, for all we intend in this article to urge in its behalf, and the night-prowlers may steal the bellman and his big bell, and run away softly with the Board of Complaint, taken unawares in a night session, for aught we care. There are those more interested than we or the general reader is, to see to the protection of these points.

But sad heyroe is certainly being made about town by knaves who are adepts in the art of which Mercury is the patron deity. Our citizens many of them know it from dear bought experience, which the rest should borrow to save a similarly expensive lesson.

And first, and this hint is seasonable, a large trade is being driven in the pillage of *second* or *unfeasted* house line. Here before us lie four fresh instances where a house which is left vacant a day or two has been entered and robbed of everything in the department of Gas Fittings and Plumber's work that could be pried or cut away. In the house of C. N. Holden this loss reaches a figure of about $80. In another still more, and in a third the landlord finds his *doors* unhung, and their hardware spoils, in hinges, locks, &c., &c., all of the first class, gone off in company with his gas burners, and silver plated water cocks.

Three furnished houses, have been boldly entered during brief absences of the household, and thoroughly ransacked within a week. The house of Rufus Blanchard, on Sangamon street, was entered by forcing open a rear door, on Tuesday afternoon, and his wife returned after three hours' absence to find that during the time rogues had pushed their cool (indeed Arctic) explorations to the bottom of every trunk and drawer on the premises, and selected their booty as leisurely as a first-class shopper makes her purchases.

Burglary after burglary takes place night after night, of no large class it is true, but their number gives a plump footing of amount to the booty. Now these are facts, and no amount o semi-official twaddle from any quarter will conceal or blind the eyes of our citizens to the truth. What is to be done?

We do not propose to answer the question,

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HOUSE DRAINS NOTICE.—The SEWERAGE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, Chicago, Ill., April 3d, 1860. The following order was passed at a regular meeting of the Board to-day:

Ordered, That all private drains connecting with the sewers shall be laid by persons licensed by the Board, as hereinafter provided, or by the Superintending Agent of the Board, and that no sewer with two connections of different kinds, known to at least two members of the Board, shall be used for that purpose. Each man offering to do any of the work in a thorough and workmanlike manner, and in all respects according to such rules and regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board, and to keep the same in good repair, and defend the city from all loss on which the drains may be laid and this Board licensed to do such work, shall receive a license for one year, upon payment of one dollar, and for the space of two years, after the expiration of that time.

Ordered, That notice of the adoption of this regulation be published in the city newspapers.

D. P. WEBSTER,
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Press & Tribune.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1860.

MR. LOVEJOY'S MISTAKE.

Mr. Lovejoy, in his recent speech in the House of Representatives, said slavery was not an institution, but a practice—an obvious truth, as applied to slaveholding in the aggregate. But he should have made an exception in favor of Louisiana, as he doubtless would, if he had been in possession of the New Orleans *Courier* of the 14th inst., containing the following advertisement of public property by the Governor of the State:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

Whereas, at the late session of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, an act was passed and approved March 16th, 1860 entitled: "An Act providing for the sale of the property of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State," which act was in the following words, to-wit: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened, That all the property belonging to the Internal Improvement Department of the State, except the Levees, be sold at public auction, for cash, at the highest bidder, after sixty days notice, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law; provided, all the Slaves belonging to the Internal Improvement Department of the State, shall be sold on a credit of one year."

Now, therefore, I, as the proper, authentic and direct CHARLES M. GIRAUD, by these presents, do sell on SATURDAY, the ninth day of June, 1860, at auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at the Levee, the property specified and described in the said act, and subject to the terms and conditions therein set forth, and the Slaves will be delivered to the purchasers, or their agents, on the 1st day of July next, the purchase money to be deposited in the Louisiana State Bank to my order.

The Slaves will be in view for inspection during the week preceding the sale, subject to the inspection of buyers. A list of the Slaves is in my hand and the seal of the State, this fourth day of June, A. D. 1860, and in the eighty-fourth year of the United States of America the eighty-fourth.

THOMAS O. MOORE,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

Slaves, Jim Revere, Henry Johnson, Jim Watkins (stevedore), Frank Johnson, Fountain, George Carey, Henderson Hall, Jim Hall, Joseph Hall, Joseph Monk, Abraham Monk, John Read, Joe Younger (crippled in one hand but go on), Ab. Reuben, Simon, Saul Arvin (pilot), Sandy Arvin (pilot), Frank Arvin (pilot), Jim Jackson (engineer of boat), Harriet (carpenter), Walk (cook), Henry Dungerson, Henry (Billy), Daddy Wright, Sam, Ned Wright (carpenter and fisherman), Sam Johnston (rough carpenter), George Johnston (carpenter), Jim Johnston (carpenter), Jim Johnston (carpenter and blacksmith), James Crosby, Ned Wright, Armand, Joe Edward, Nelson Yarwil, Edward Yarwil, Jackson, Isaac Keller, Jef Yel el, Preston, Andrew Orange, Tom, Cottail, Dick Gribble, George Reed (cook of boat), Moses, Richard, Henderson, Chestnut, Lee, Robert, Wm. Ivy, John Ivy, Jack Ivy, Jim Ivy, Jack Ivy, Jr., Bob Ivy, Jack Polk, London, Levi, Tom Hooper, Commodore, Jim Hooper (cook), Malinda, Frank Gross, John Lewis (carpenter), Johnson, Anthony Williams, John Williams, Joe Jackson, Bowling, Frank Gingo (runaway), Peter, Frank Cook (runaway), Dick Glover (runaway), Peter Ware, Tom Allen, Tom Robertson, Tom Motley, Collins Jr.

Total, 79 engineers, blacksmiths, pilots, carpenters, cooks, laborers, etc., including our old friends Dick Richardson and John Smith, both of whom were expected to be at the Charleston Convention early next week. Verily, slaveholding is an institution as well as a practice in Louisiana. It has risen from the skulking protection of local law and municipal regulations to the dignity of State patronage, being just as much an institution there as the Illinois and Michigan Canal here. The State buys Dick Richardson and John Smith; the State buys and pickles Dick Richardson and John Smith as often as it chooses; the State works Dick Richardson and John Smith on the levees and public buildings; the State sells Dick Richardson and John Smith at public auction and guarantees title to the purchasers; the State holds up Dick Richardson and John Smith to the total confusion of Mr. Lovejoy and all who believe that slavery is a practice, not an institution.

ILLINOIS RIVER RAILROAD.

We learn that the work on the Illinois River Railroad is making satisfactory progress. Thirty miles of the line north from Virginia are completed, and twelve miles south from Pekin are also ready for the rolling stock. A gap of sixteen miles remains to be finished when the regular trains will at once commence running. It is expected that the entire distance of fifty-eight miles between Pekin and Virginia will be opened on or before the 20th of June. Within a month later, the ten miles between Peoria and Pekin will be finished, opening by the Rock Island Railroad to our merchants a new and most important section of the State. The trade from most of it has heretofore gone to St. Louis; railroad communication will of course change the current to Chicago.

THE VIRGINIA BULLY.

Sabine in his *Notes on Duelling* relates that a Neapolitan nobleman fought fourteen duels to prove that Dante was a greater poet than Ariosto, and that the belligerent champion of the "divine art," confessed on his death bed that he had never read the works of either; that a member of Parliament called another in debate a "Jacobite," and was challenged for the offence; that an English nobleman was forced to fight a duel because he had laughed when the horse of his antagonist, on Coronation Day, approached the royal presence tail-foremost; that a gentleman, as was imagined, cast an impertinent look at another in a ball room, and paid therefor by a duel and his life; that the manner of saying, "Yes, I do," was the cause of another mortal combat; that two barristers once fought, neither one of whom had ever spoken to the other; that a member of a city government defied a gentleman to the duel because he had spoken of the city as a "beggarly corporation;" and two Irish lawyers once went to the field upon the issue whether "Ireland was a nation standing erect and easily appeased." But not one of these cases, thought worthy, with many others, of preservation, is a whit more ridiculous than that in which Mr. Pryor, the harmless gentleman from Virginia, makes so conspicuous and inglorious a figure. Like an Irishman at Donnybrook, he has been dragging his coat about the House of Representatives for the last four months, waiting for some one to tread on the tails, that a quarrel may follow. He has been spelling, but evidently for a fight in which he might play the role of the challenged party, and repose upon the immunity which his known skill with the pistol would give him. It is his misfortune if his anxiety for a muss has led him into a position where his rashness is more conspicuous than his valor. Without any demand or technically tenable pretext for a quarrel with Mr. Potter, he has managed so let his eagerness to drink the blood of an Abolitionist show to all the world that his lack of blood is not a bit less conspicuous than his lack of consistency.

Now what will he do? The code by which duelling is regulated is unwritten. We do not know that it has authoritative form or that it is not subject to amendment, addition, or alteration, in every case that may be submitted to its arbitration. Certainly the usages in Charleston are not those recognized in Arkansas, and the practice in either place differs from that which obtains in Maryland and Virginia. But according to the code, by whomsoever interpreted, Pryor the bully, has but one course to pursue to save himself from being convicted of the poltroonery of which he is now violently suspected. He challenged; his challenge was accepted and the weapons named; but he refused to submit to the terms which the challenged party had a right to make; and refused also to meet his opponent's second who, the Code being the standard, was clearly authorized to stand in his principal's place. He has this last resource which is after all but the fag end of barbarism; and that is, to send word to Mr. Potter that he will attack him at their joint meeting on the street, and, after he has given notice to see that his threats are put into execution. This is his last card, the proper playing of which will save him from being hooted at by the constituents who sent him to Washington. "Whether or no he will stand by it by the sequel will demonstrate." We have no idea that he will. He may give Mr. Potter the notice, and then shoot him from behind a half open door, wait for him around a corner which he must pass, or stab him in the back; but there is no probability that he will meet him in such a way that his own hide will be seriously endangered by the rencontre. But the man who has figured as a second in one combat in which rifles, pistols *and bowie-knives* were the chosen weapons—a combat that ended in his principal's death—the man, we say, who, after having made himself conspicuous in such a contest, now pretends to second to refuse bowie-knives as the weapons to settle his disputes, cannot be excessively dangerous except he plays the assassin outright, and takes his enemy unprepared.

State Politics.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY.—The Republicans of Christian County met in Convention at Taylorsville, on the 14th inst., and elected J. E. Southwick, S. J. Sadler, A. R. V. Humphrey, and Andrew Simpson delegates to the Decatur Convention. The resolutions of the Convention, if any were passed, have not reached us.

PIATT COUNTY.—The Republicans of Piatt county met in Convention at the Court House in Monticello, on the 7th day of April. L. S. Bond was called to the Chair, and N. E. Rhodes elected Secretary. Daniel Stickel, B. B. Jones and Elias Hall were elected delegates to the Decatur Convention.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Lyman Trumbull, as a statesman, is one not doubting Democrat of the Jackson school, and that we are opposed to the nomination of any man who is not true to the principles of Democracy as laid down in the Cincinnati platform.

On motion of Thomas Milligan, the delegates were instructed to use all honorable means to secure the nomination of O. M. HATCH for Secretary of State, and JAMES K. DUBOIS for Auditor.

☞ At the present rate of consumption of coal, the State of Pennsylvania alone, it is said, would meet the demand for more than three thousand years! At double the present call for coal, North America could supply the demand for twenty thousand years.

Letter from Mexico—English Schemes of Pacification — Hostility to the Yankees, &c.

Through our New Orleans exchanges we have news from the city of Mexico to the 30th ult. It appears that when Miramon's army reached Jalapa, on its retreat from the seige of Vera Cruz, it numbered only 800 men. Miramon had not yet reached the capital, and as the approaches were all in the possession of Carvajal, it was uncertain whether he would be able to affect an entrance at all.

Juarez had issued a special decree indemnifying to the full amount of their losses, the sufferers by the late bombardment, on condition that losses on tenements are repaired, which, it is thought, will insure the rebuilding of the city. The friends of the besieging party are excepted from the benefits of the decree, and the indemnity is in all cases to be paid out of the proceeds from the sale of the Church property confiscated to the State by the law of July last. The aggregate value of property destroyed by the bombardment is estimated at between four and five millions of dollars, but the larger part of the loss, it is said, falls upon the friends of Miramon.

The English government had offered a plan of reconciliation between the belligerents, which is said to have been favorably received by the Juarez party, but would probably be rejected by the Church party. The proposition is this: A truce of six months at the utmost, during which a Congress is to be elected by the different States of the Republic. This Congress is to be united in Jalapa, declared neutral ground, under the protection of the English government, and if necessary of English troops. The Congress voted by the nation is to make a new constitution, which will be recognized, protected and enforced by England.

As the Clergy party is much less numerous throughout the Republic than the Liberals, the latter will predominate in the Congress, and the Constitution will be based upon the laws and principles of the Juarez party. The Clergy know this, and are furious and scared by the English medition. But if they refuse it, the English Minister, it is said, will immediately take his passports and leave for Vera Cruz, where he will recognize the Juarez Government.

In the meantime, if we may believe the Mexican journals in the interest of the Clergy, the indignation against the "Yankees" for their sympathy with the Constitutional Government on the capture of the Marin expedition, had risen to such a height that it could scarcely be controlled. The official journal, *La Sociedad*, says:

The news of the acts of hostility committed by the Americans against the defenders of Mexican independence has been received with indignation throughout the capital, even by the persons indifferent or strangers to party politics.

The national sentiment has again been waked up among our people by these rude strokes of the sole distant Liberal power, and the year 1860 between Mexico and the United States will be a very different thing from the war of 1847. The American press knows it and avows it.

The war which, confined to ourselves, has hitherto had a political character, has now become a national war. Who, indeed, can deny it after the events of the 28th of March. Even what enemy did the little Mexican squadron contend at Anton Lizardo, if not against the whole country? All good patriots throughout the capital are hastening to take up arms. Whatever may be the result of the campaign against Vera Cruz, they will not permit the soil of the capital, at least, to be trodden by the traitors who have so many times been repulsed from its walls.

People of the Departments! arouse yourselves up likewise in your own homes; and before the energetic remedies of a whole and united people, what can some thousands of filibusters and demagogues do?

The *Sociedad* is still more severe against the Constitutionalists, whom it calls "infamous traitors, who have opened the walls of Vera Cruz to their sworn enemies." Henceforth, it adds, there will be heard but one cry throughout the whole country: "Long live the independence of Mexico, and death to those who have sold us and those who come to subjugate us."

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

BLOOMINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Press and Tribune.]

BLOOMINGTON, April 17, 1860.

We achieved a glorious victory yesterday in our little city election, over the combined forces of the Democracy. The election was closely contested and all the art, ingenuity, and stratagem of the opposition was resorted to to defeat the Republican nominees. The triumph was complete, and wofully disastrous to the hopes of our enemies. The ball is in motion and will gather strength as we near the coming contest. You may set old McLean down for 800 majority for the Republican ticket this fall. The majority for Mr. Herr, our candidate for Mayor is 139.

REPUBLICAN.

ROCKFORD.

The city election in Rockford on Monday last resulted in the re-election of Mayor Williams by 134 majority.

PEKIN.

The city election in Pekin, Tazewell county, resulted in a complete Republican victory.—Isaac E. Leonard being elected Mayor by a decisive majority over B. S. Prettyman, one of the Douglas delegates from this State to the Charleston Convention.

WESTERN NEWS.

ILLINOIS.—LeRoy, McLean County, seems to be overrun with thieves and burglars. Several have been arrested recently, but they have contrived to escape by the intricacies of the technicalities of the law, and the rascals growing bolder have renewed their nefarious work with increased vigor. There seeming to be no relief from these depredations, the people of LeRoy determined to act in their sovereign capacity, and on Friday last a meeting was holden in Dickinson, at which R. F. Dickinson Esq., presided. Resolutions were unanimously passed to rid the town of all persons who are suspected with having connection with these rascalities; and for the purpose of carrying into effect their resolutions, a Vigilance Committee was appointed consisting of J. M. Longstreth, T. J. Barnet, J. W. Zimmerman, H. M. Phillips and J. H. Lincoln.....A regular "Donnybrook Fair" took place at Pontiac last Sunday in the vicinity of the railroad depot, between some railroad Irishmen and the keepers of the Bennett House, in which the latter were decidedly the victors, the Donnybrook heroes receiving a drubbing that was wonderful to behold.

MICHIGAN.—A young lady, a daughter of H. Bice, of Bridgehampton, shot a wild cat one day last week, which weighed 54½ pounds. The cat had got fast in a trap, and as Miss B. came near the animal, it broke from the trap, and, with his mouth agape, made for his visitor. Miss Bice, having the gun in her hands, took aim, and discharged the contents into his mouth, killing him almost instantly.....Tilman Rice, son of Henry Rice, of Niles, exchanged compliments with a buffalo chase, by a companion, about 400 miles west of St. Joseph, Mo., and instantly killed. He was on his way to Pike's Peak.....

WISCONSIN.—On Wednesday of last week two men left Two Rivers in a boat for the purpose of fishing. They were carried some distance into the lake by a storm, and before they were enabled to reach the shore, one of the men died of starvation. He had eaten nothing for some time before he had started in the boat. The other man reached the shore the next day with the body of his companion.....A young man at Shullsburgh, while attempting to rescue some horses from a burning barn, was kicked by one of the horses so badly as to render him insensible, and he thereby perished in the burning building.....The depot and warehouse belonging to the Milwaukee and Minnesota Railroad at Oakland, a few miles from Sparta, was burned on Monday night. The north part of the depot was occupied by M. C. Hersey as a dry goods and grocery store, who loses his entire stock, worth about $3,000—insured for $1,900. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

IOWA.—Forty citizens of McGregor have already left for Pike's Peak.....John Miller, of Waverley, was instantly killed a few days since, by being run over with a loaded wagon.....B. W. Marshall, who was arrested in Fulton City, Illinois, for bigamy, was taken to Muscatine, and held in $500 to answer on the charge.....The farmers of Keokuk county, last season raised 54,416 gallons of sorghum, valued at $51,588.50. Putting the cost of raising at 15 cents a gallon, and it leaves a profit to the farmers of $45,517.40.....Two horse thieves were arrested in Montgomery county last week and carried to Council Bluffs, and held in $1000 bail each. Shortly after being committed one of them, named Bartlett, committed suicide by taking laudanum.....The Keokuk, Fort Des Moines and Missouri Railroad Company have succeeded in raising $300,000 in New York, which will complete the road from Bentonville to Eddyville, 59 miles.

KANSAS.—A lot of small buildings on Cherokee street, Leavenworth, were destroyed by fire on Tuesday of last week. The principal loser was E. Whitney, owner of the Jackson House. The entire loss was about $2,500.

TERRIFIC HURRICANE.—A fierce hurricane passed over Terre Haute, Indiana, on Monday last, destroying the large angular house of the Beaseville and Crawfordsville Railroad, burying a man under its ruins, who was instantly killed; overthrowing a train of cars on the R. & C. RR. and uprooting houses, rising trees, &c., to a fearful extent. The loss will probably reach $60,000.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

[Correspondence of the Press and Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, April 14, 1860.

The affair between Messrs. Potter and Pryor has, of course, in its details, found its way to your readers. I am told by old citizens that no circumstance of the kind has ever created so profound an excitement in this city, since the Graves and Cilley duel, as has this. For three or four days it absolutely excluded all other subjects of conversation. The exhibition of the white feather is very generally conceded to Pryor. I have heard several Southern men—Democrats—comment in severe terms both upon his course before and after the challenge. Many of his best friends contend that he had no sufficient cause for challenging Potter, and more contend that he had manifested a most damaging sensitiveness in regard to weapons. It is well known that in a duel in which he was once engaged as a second, he himself suggested the use of bowie-knives. And the proposition of Col. Lander to substitute himself in Mr. Potter's place, has almost an exact parallel in the case of the Graves and Cilly duel. As an after thought, Mr. Chisman, the second of Pryor publishes in this morning's *Intelligencer* certain letters which Pryor wrote accepting Potter's proposition, but *which he could not nobody to deliver!* This, in the general estimation, but makes the matter worse. John T. Potter has decidedly made a mark, in this affair, which will cause a wide berth to be given him by the fire-eaters. Think as we may of the propriety of his accepting the challenge, by the manner in which he has conducted himself throughout the affair, we must award him the credit of bringing up Virginia chivalry with a round turn.

The friends of Gen. Jo Lane have been unusually busy here during the past few days. It is evident that they have received new encouragement of late. Every few minutes during each day of this week, Jo has been called out of the Senate to meet groups of delegates, or wire-pullers. He has, during this time, been decidedly in greater demand than Douglas.

There will probably be no adjournment over the Charleston and Chicago Conventions, though it is is possible the pairing off will reduce the number of members below a quorum. The Douglas men very generally oppose an adjournment over. WALDO.

OUR NEBRASKA LETTER.

The Nebraska Route to the Gold Mines—Crop Prospects—Native Fruits—Climate—Hostile Demands.....Nebraska Politics.

[Correspondence of the Press and Tribune.]

OMAHA, April 14, 1860.

In previous letters I have endeavored to urge upon Chicago the importance of concerted action with this region of country, on the ground that the trade and commerce of this Territory and especially of this region of the Territory would naturally flow toward Chicago, if moderately encouraged. The trade of Omaha is already large, simply as the commercial centre of the Territory, but hereafter will be added to its agricultural trade, all the commerce flowing from the mines. Emigration to the mines has already commenced on this route, and hundreds will pass here from Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota, earlier in the season than they venture on the longer and less settled routes. The exact record for six days is as follows:

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"	4	23	" " 31 "
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making 76 wagons and 244 men in a week, and before there is grass. In the same proportion a month from now this number should pass nearly every day. Most of these purchase more or less of their necessary provisions here. Many make complete outfits, and this trade alone now bids fair to more than double the present business arising from agricultural settlements. The two or three years next coming will determine whether this becomes tributary to St. Louis or Chicago.

Our farmers are busily at work with their spring crops under the most favorable circumstances. The ground is rather dry for small grain at present, but the weather is warm and delightful, and the farms in every direction show evidence of an unusual amount of work accomplished for the middle of April. Wheat, corn, potatoes and oats will be the largest crops, while sugar cane, brown corn, barley, &c. will more than meet the demand of home consumption; the supply of molasses last year from the sorghum, and consumed in the Territory, was greater than that from abroad. Most of the sorghum syrup made here is of an excellent quality and by many preferred to sugar house syrup; selling at 50 cents a gallon it affords the maker a very handsome profit. Tobacco has been raised enough to show that the soil and climate are well adapted to its culture. The same is true of hemp. Fruit trees, thus far, have done admirably, though there has not been time for full experiment. Many supposed our winter winds would kill fruit trees, but one severe cold, with but little snow last winter, seems to have settled the opposite. Most such trees thrives here as well as elsewhere. Plum, apple, grape, mulberry, raspberries and strawberries are mostly here and in the greatest abundance, and where that is the case, cultivated fruit should also thrive. Occasionally, though not by any means constantly high winds prevail in the spring and autumn, but these are dry and never cold and piercing as in localities where the air is saturated with moisture. Favored as we are in this region by climate, soil and geographical position, our natural advantages are constantly observed by combined interests in other quarters. We have first to contend with all the disadvantages and advantages of Kansas directly; but more than this, is the more insidious and often unfair influence brought to bear in favor of Kansas by Eastern speculators. And especially editorial speculators; of such the New York *Tribune* is one. Look over the columns of the *Tribune* when you will and you find Nebraska, if spoken of at all, referred to as a desert, and almost out of reach of all civilized associations, while Kansas is lauded as a paradise of beauty. Nest Nebraska has achieved a more direct and glorious victory on mere principle, than Kansas did even in self defence. The soil of Nebraska is the same as Kansas, except up the Platte Valley, which furnishes thousands of square miles unequaled in beauty or fertility in any part of the United States. But for the slave was in Kansas, which directed all eyes to that quarter, Nebraska would now far surpass Kansas in wealth and population. The Platte Valley from Omaha to the Rocky Mountains affords the only natural route from the Missouri river to the Rocky Mountains for the Pacific Railroad. It is literally level as a floor, and at least 150 miles shorter than any route through Kansas, yet we see the New York *Tribune* talking about Kansas and the Pacific Railroad, and the Kansas gold mines, and Kansas Republicans, as if there was no Nebraska in existence. Letters written from here, such as you publish, are not received in the New York *Tribune*. Now is this accidental; it is almost habitual, and many here have no idea of seeing a business letter declaring our true position, business, or influence in that paper. The experiment has been tried repeatedly, and as often failed. Mr. Greely will probably learn this fact through his subscription list next year, and may be setting somewhat tired of supporting a paper that knows no Western interest but Kansas.

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Bowie Knives and the Code.

[Washington Cor. N. Y. Express.]

Pryor's friends are indignant beyond measure. They are in a bad predicament. They provoked a quarrel without reason. They were compelled to exercise Pryor's life or receive, and they very wisely did the latter. Mr. Potter was in earnest, and they knew it. He is one of those who, when aroused, has all the fire of honor and bravery, while at the same time he detests this barbarous mode of settling difficulties, but will not allow himself to be bullied. Pryor's position is an unfortunate one. Every one pities him, but thinks his retribution well deserved. We hope it will also prove beneficial. This probably ends braggadocio and bluster on the floor of the House for the present session, and is perhaps the best thing that could have happened. The first Kentucky man now that shows the white feather, need look for no sympathy whatever.

Pryor's position is still worse, from the fact that in a duel some years since, in which he appeared as second, he appointed for his principal, rifles, pistols and *bowie knives* in succession, which were accepted, his principal being killed at the first fire. This was, if possible, more "inhuman and vulgar" than Mr. Potter's proposition, and upon this fact, Mr. Potter informs me, he based his choice.

[From "Occasional" in Forney's Press.]

The discussion in reference to the Potter and Pryor difficulty is kept up in all circles with uncommon animation. The great question of the day is, whether the bowie knife is any more "vulgar," unchristian or savage than the pistol, the double-barrelled gun, the small sword, or the rapier. The friends of Potter are multiplying data and strengthening themselves by going back to the code of honor in the days of chivalry, and coming down to the present era. They allege that the bowie knife is the favorite weapon in the tournaments of old, and was used by the bravest and most polished knights of the age. They further contend that the small-sword exercise continues to be used in France, and the broad-sword in Germany, and that the preliminary of these contests are daily and carefully arranged beforehand. They argue further, that the bowie knife, being a southern production, has been for many years regarded as an important part in all that is worn by many Southern gentlemen; and that to this day the Arkansas toothpick is regarded as an important part of the domestic economy of many of the best families in the States. The educated fruit should also thrive. Occasionally, though not by any means constantly high winds prevail in the spring and autumn, but these are dry and never cold and piercing as in localities where the air is saturated with moisture. Favored as we are in this region by climate, soil and geographical position, our natural advantages are constantly observed by combined interests in other quarters. We have first to contend with all the disadvantages and advantages of Kansas directly; but more than this, is the more insidious and often unfair influence brought to bear in favor of Kansas by Eastern speculators. And especially editorial speculators; of such the New York *Tribune* is one. Look over the columns of the *Tribune* when you will and you find Nebraska, if spoken of at all, referred to as a desert, and almost out of reach of all civilized associations, while Kansas is lauded as a paradise of beauty. Nest Nebraska has achieved a more direct and glorious victory on mere principle, than Kansas did even in self defence. The soil of Nebraska is the same as Kansas, except up the Platte Valley, which furnishes thousands of square miles unequaled in beauty or fertility in any part of the United States. But for the slave was in Kansas, which directed all eyes to that quarter, Nebraska would now far surpass Kansas in wealth and population. The Platte Valley from Omaha to the Rocky Mountains affords the only natural route from the Missouri river to the Rocky Mountains for the Pacific Railroad. It is literally level as a floor, and at least 150 miles shorter than any route through Kansas, yet we see the New York *Tribune* talking about Kansas and the Pacific Railroad, and the Kansas gold mines, and Kansas Republicans, as if there was no Nebraska in existence. Letters written from here, such as you publish, are not received in the New York *Tribune*. Now is this accidental; it is almost habitual, and many here have no idea of seeing a business letter declaring our true position, business, or influence in that paper. The experiment has been tried repeatedly, and as often failed. Mr. Greely will probably learn this fact through his subscription list next year, and may be setting somewhat tired of supporting a paper that knows no Western interest but Kansas.

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The Democrats of Massachusetts.

The Boston *Atlas and Bee* speaks of the Charleston delegation from that State, going down to the Southern seas in a special steamer, as follows:

Who remains for the soundness of the cargo? Does the Hon. Caleb Cushing? His own orthodoxy of Union and Constitution when the floor of Congress since the present session commenced. Does Collector Whitney? He cast the "one vote" which elected Charles Sumner to the U. S. Senate in 1851. Does the Rev. Mr. Lovejoy? We saw the other day an ancient and yellowish copy of the *Liberator*, upon which his name appeared as translator and local agent of that "unsound and incendiary sheet." Does the Hon. Jesse Davis? He has frequently been elected to office by the Free Soilers of Worcester. Does the Hon. B. F. Hallett? He is scarcely ten years since he declared himself "for freedom and free soil all over God's heritage." Does Col. Greene? He first suggested the coalition which resulted in Sumner's election? Does Mr. Frothingham? He was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives by special grace of the free soilers of Charlestown? Does Mr. George B. Loring? His pamphlet, in which the most ultra doctrines of the Gerrit Smith school of Abolitionists were promulgated, can yet be found without searching the libraries of the antiquarians. Does General B. F. Butler? He has been in close communion with the free soilers for the last ten years, has openly justified Sumner's election by the Democrats of 1851, and substantially withdrew himself from the Congressional canvass of 1858, so that Gen. Wilson might be chosen to the lower House over Mr. Wentworth, a scheme that came very near succeeding.

Col. Lander.

"OCCASIONAL," in his letter to the *Press* says:

"Col. Lander, the second of Mr. Potter, is a native of Massachusetts, differs entirely with Mr. Potter upon politics, having always been an active and influential member of the Democratic party. He is at the head of one of the Overland expeditions in the employ of the Interior Department, and is distinguished for his courage, his great physical strength, and his chivalric bearing. His conduct in the affair referred to was characterized by remarkable coolness, resolution and perseverance.

The second of Mr. Pryor, Mr. Chisman of Va., is a gentleman of high standing and character, and is also in the employ of the Administration, as a general mail agent.

Among those who consulted with Col. Lander, on the side of Mr. Potter, were Lieut. E. F. Beale, late of the navy, and Hon. F. F. Stanton of Tennessee. Every Northern man, without distinction of party, rallied around Potter."

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PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Report of the Special Committee on the PACIFIC RAILROAD BILL.

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1866.

Mr. BEVERIDGE, from the Committee on the Pacific Railroad, to which was referred the bill (H. R. No. 365) to amend an act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific coast, and to secure to the Government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and the acts amendatory thereof, and for other purposes, reported the same back to the House, with the recommendation that it do not pass.

The committee, in addition to the reasons assigned in the report, would state that the bill proposes to change the whole system of the Pacific railroads, and to substitute for the present system of aiding the construction of the roads by the issue of bonds, a system of land grants. The committee are of opinion that the present system is the best that can be adopted, and that the change proposed by the bill would be unwise and impolitic. The committee are also of opinion that the bill proposes to grant to the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company a much larger amount of land than is necessary for the construction of the road, and that the grant is unjust to the settlers upon the public lands, and to the States and Territories through which the road passes. The committee are also of opinion that the bill proposes to grant to the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company a much larger amount of land than is necessary for the construction of the road, and that the grant is unjust to the settlers upon the public lands, and to the States and Territories through which the road passes.

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